



ISCB Annual General Meeting President's report

Wednesday 17 July 2019

Leuven, Belgium



New Executive Committee



Officers

President - Vana Sypsa (GR)

Secretary- Geir Egil Eide (NO)

Vice President-Zdeněk Valenta (CR)

Treasurer - Thomas Jaki (UK)

Past President- KyungMann Kim (US) for 1 year

Executive Committee

2nd term as members of the Executive Committee

Nadine Binder (DE)

Tomasz Burzykowski (BE)

New ExCom members

Jonathan Bartlett (UK)

Dimitris Rizopoulos (NL)

Jan Terje Kvaløy (NO)

Elaine Pascoe (AU)

Lehana Thabane (CA)

Erik Cobo (ES)

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster: David Warne (CH)

Aug 2018-Jul 2019: A year of many changes



1. ISCB Permanent office

- Responsible for all administrative tasks (membership administration, bookkeeping, collaboration with the Treasurer for the financial reports, administration of payments, communication with the membership etc)
- After the retirement of the long-term administrator (Rita Schou), David Warne took over this task temporarily
- Long-term solution: a professional company
- A request for proposals was prepared (sent to companies proposed by the membership & available on our website)
- 5 companies submitted proposals – 3 were shortlisted and will present their proposals later today

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2. ISCB now registered in Switzerland & New bank

Bank: from Nordea (Denmark) to PostFinance (Switzerland)

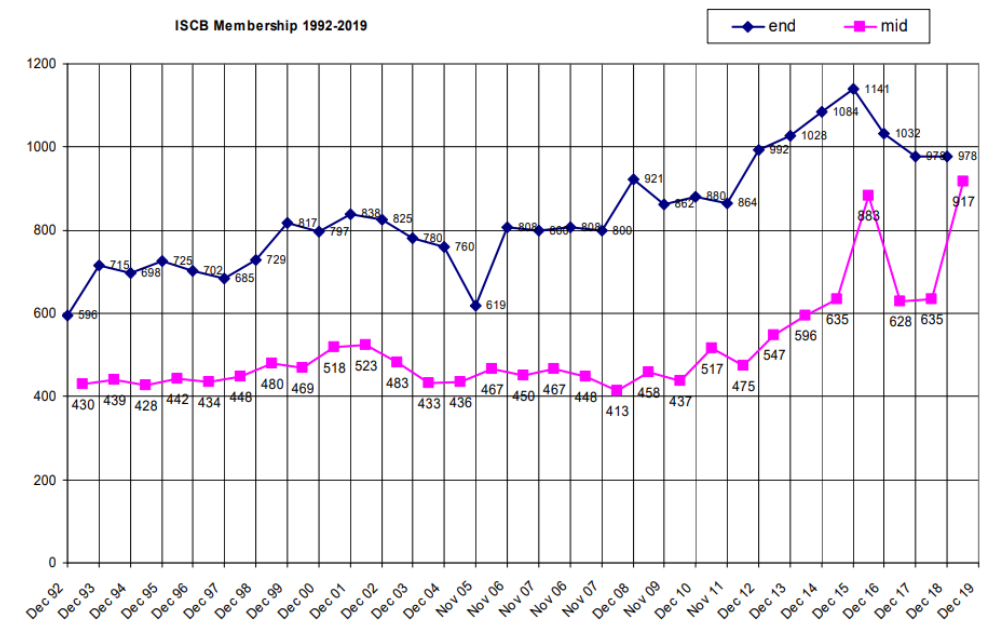
- a lot of paperwork and person-time to make this transition
- delays in payments until this process was completed
- + easier to collaborate
- + internet banking (faster-easier-safe)

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3. Decline in equity & ISCB membership

- Decreases in equity on 2017 & 2018 (more by Thomas Jaki)
- Decline in membership: as the majority of our members are based in Europe, a decline is observed when the conference is organized outside Europe – But, ISCB is an international Society and this is a “side effect” that is counterbalanced by reaching biostatisticians around the world





Awards and funding opportunities

Awards

- Student Conference Awards
- Conference Awards for Scientists

Funding opportunities

Since 2014: Conference funding for developing countries (World Bank list)

- Conference registration fees waived & up to 1000 EUR to cover the cost of travel and accommodation

In 2019:

- 48 eligible applications
- 10 scientists received funding (Bangladesh, Kenya, India, Nigeria)
- Depending on our financial status, a funding scheme for students could be introduced



Reaching out to young biostatisticians

- Student Conference Awards
- Early Career Biostatistician's Day (since 2017) & ECB Subcommittee
- Students' Gathering (on Sunday evening)



The future

- Bank issues have been settled & the transition to the new ISCB Permanent Office will take place in the following months
- Currently 0% interest rate – identify options for a low risk investment with positive interest for the future?
- Discussion on improving the nomination process for Officers/ExCom members and new terms of office for a more rapid turnover of Officers/ExCom

The future



ISCB conferences

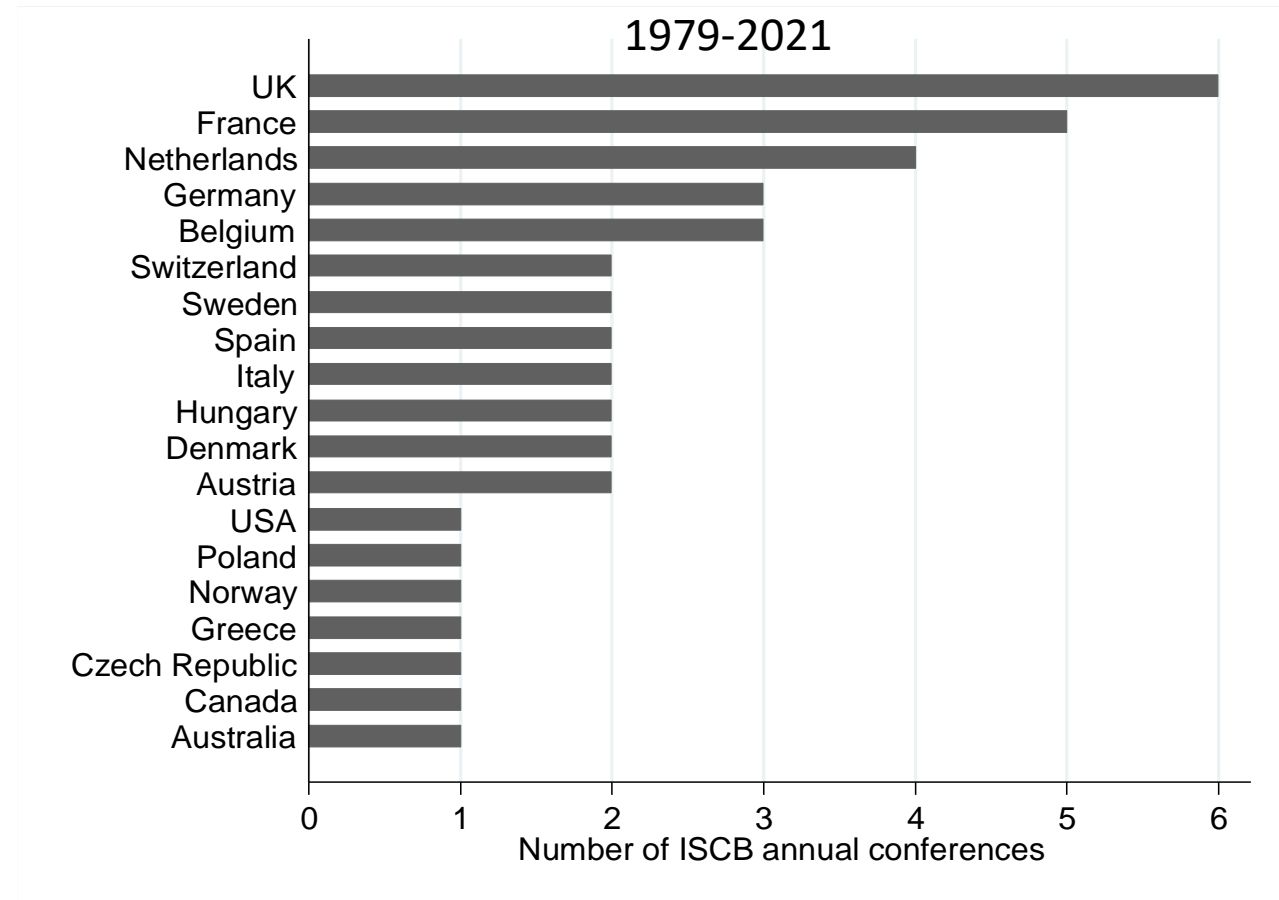
2020 Krakow (Poland)

2021 Lyon (France)

2022 Newcastle (UK)

Candidate for 2023:

- Milano (IT)





The future

A dilemma (?)

Smaller, less parallel sessions, cheaper **vs.**

Larger, more parallel sessions, more expensive conference

Conference registration fees (non-member, regular)

- ISCB 2019 (560 EUR early, 660 EUR late)
- IBC 2018 (\$575 early, \$870 late)
- JSM 2019 (\$695 early, \$845 late)
- IWSM 2019 (395 EUR early, 510 EUR late)

Leuven 2019: 580 abstracts submitted, >700 participants

Member benefits



- Low membership fee

ISCB membership dues	Early registration 1 Jan - 30 Apr 2019
Regular members	40 EUR
Student or retired members	10 EUR
Members from developing countries	10 EUR
Student members from developing countries	5 EUR

- Member benefits:

Newsletter (including book reviews)

Discounted registration fee to the annual conference

Google mail with info on job opportunities/courses

Networking opportunities


Be able to join ISCB Subcommittees

Discount on subscriptions to Statistics in Medicine and on Wiley books

- Ideas on what more could ISCB offer to its members? (eg webinars etc)



Improving communication

- Google groups
- Website
- Facebook
- Twitter  ISCB_info
#ISCB40
- Other ideas?